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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/602,045; Filed: June 24, 2003  
For: **Molecular Detection Systems Utilizing  
Reiterative Oligonucleotide Synthesis**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the small entity fees of the following:

\$60.00 - one month extension of time fee;

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2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal; and
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 with Exhibit A attached.

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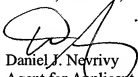
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